# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN KARNATAKA
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of pending applications for allotment of public telephone booths, circle-wise, in Karnataka;

(b) the criteria laid down for allotment of such booths;

(c) the steps taken to clear all the pending applications;

(d) whether any priority is being given to educated unemployed youths/handicapped in regard to the said allotment of booths;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, total number of pending applications in Karnataka are 1719. District-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) All applicants of the age of 18 years and above are eligible for allotment of Public Telephone booths. The connections are provided as per their registration subject to technical feasibility.

(c) The following steps have been taken to clear the pending applications:

(i) Action initiated to lay underground cables to make the non-feasible areas feasible.

(ii) By installing WLL System in new areas.

(iii) Procurement of FWTs(Fixed Wireless Terminals) for areas covered by existing WLL systems and WLL capacity available.

(d) & (e): Normally, the Public Telephones are allotted to all the applicants as per their registration. However, where there is waiting list, priority in allotment is given to the handicapped persons along with war-widows/dependents, SC/ST and ex-servicemen. No priority is laid down for educated unemployed youths.

(f) No priority to educated unemployed youths is considered necessary as the PCOs are available on demand in most of the areas.

ANNEXURE
DISTRICT-WISE PENDING APPLICATIONS IN KARNATAKA

| Sl.No. | Name of District | Pending applications for PCOs (including Local and STD/ISD PCOs as on 28-02-2005) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bangalore(Urban | 129 |
| 2. | Bangalore (Rural) | 96 |
| 3. | Bidar | 0 |

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| 4. | Belgaum | 0 |
| 5. | Bijapur | 740 |
| 6. | Begalkot | 222 |
| 7 | Bellary | 18 |
| 8. | Chickmanglur | 41 |
| 9. | Devangere | 0 |
| 10. | Chitradurga | 0 |
| 11. | Dakshina Kannada | 06 |
| 12. | Udupi | 17 |
| 13. | Gulbarga | 11 |
| 14. | Hassan | 0 |
| 15. | Hubli | 34 |
| 16. | Gadag | 107 |
| 17. | Haveri | 28 |
| 18. | Kolar | 0 |
| 19. | Mysore | 0 |
| 20. | Chamrajnagar | 0 |
| 21. | Mandya | 0 |
| 22. | Madikeri | 0 |
| 23. | Raichur | 0 |
| 24. | Koppal | 0 |
| 25. | Shimoga | 270 |
| 26. | Tumkur | 0 |
| 27. | Uttara Kannada | 0 |
| TOTAL: | 1719 | |